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For: METHOD FOR THE CONTAMINATION-	)
PREVENTING EMPTYING AND FILLING OF	)
BULK CONTAINERS	)

**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

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Sir:

Prior to examination of this application, please amend the claims as shown on the following pages.